CLAIMS

What is claimed is:

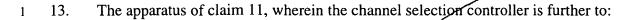
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- 1. A computerized method comprising:
- 2 accessing a user-definable preferences list that identifies a plurality of channels
- 3 from a plurality of different sources; and
- selecting one of the plurality of identified channels for provision to a user.
- 1 2. The computerized method of claim 1, further comprising:
- providing, to the user, one or more of audio and video from a source
- 3 corresponding to the selected one of the plurality of identified channels.
- 1 3. The computerized method of claim 1, further comprising:
- accessing, to determine a component corresponding to the selected one of the
- 3 plurality of identified channels, a programming guide database that is independent of the
- 4 user-definable preferences list; and
- sending a signal to the component to provide the selected channel.
- 1 4. The computerized method of claim 1, further comprising:
- 2 receiving a user request to provide a new channel; and
- wherein the accessing and the selecting are performed in response to the user
- 4 request.

- 1 5. The computerized method of claim 4, further comprising:
- repeating the accessing and selecting in response to subsequent user requests to
- 3 provide a new channel.
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- 6. An article comprising:
- 2 a storage medium; and
- the storage medium having stored thereon a plurality of instructions that, when
- 4 executed by a processor, result in accessing a user-definable preferences list that
- 5 identifies a plurality of identified channels from a plurality of different sources, and
- 6 selecting one of the plurality of channels for provision to a user.
- 7. The article of claim 6, wherein the plurality of instructions, when executed by the
- 2 processor, further result in providing, to the user, one or more of audio and video from a
- 3 source corresponding to the selected one of the plurality of identified channels.
- 1 8. The article of claim 6, wherein the plurality of instructions, when executed by the
- 2 processor, further result in accessing, to determine a component corresponding to the
- selected one of the plurality of identified channels, a programming guide database that is
- 4 independent of the user-definable preferences list, and sending a signal to the component
- 5 to provide the selected channel.

- 1 9. The article of claim 6, wherein the plurality of instructions, when executed by the
- 2 processor, further result in receiving a user request to provide a new channel, wherein the
- accessing and the selecting are performed in response to the user request.
- 1 10. The article of claim 9, wherein the plurality of instructions, when executed by the
- 2 processor, further result in repeating the accessing and selecting in response to subsequent
- 3 user requests to provide a new channel.
 - 11. An apparatus comprising:
- a storage device to store a user-definable preferences list that identifies a plurality
- of channels from a plurality of different sources; and
- a channel selection controller, coupled to the storage device, to access the user-
- 5 definable preferences list and select one of the plurality of identified channels for
- 6 provision to a usel
 - 12. The apparatus of claim 11, further comprising:
- a component controller coupled to the channel selection controller;
- wherein the channel selection control is to send the selected one of the plurality of
- 4 identified channels to the component controller, and wherein the component controller is
- to tune a corresponding component to provide, to the user, one or more of audio and
- 6 video from a source corresponding to the selected one of the plurality of identified
- 7 channels.

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- access, to determine a component corresponding to the selected one of the
- plurality of channels, a programming guide database that is independent of the user-
- 4 definable preferences list; and
- send a signal to the component to provide the selected channel.
- 1 14. The apparatus of claim 11, wherein the channel selection controller is further to:
- 2 receive a user request to provide a new channel; and
- wherein the accessing and the selecting are performed in response to the user
- 4 request.
- 1 15. The apparatus of claim 14, wherein the channel selection controller is further to
- repeat the accessing and selecting in response to subsequent user requests to provide a
- 3 new channel.
 - 16. An apparatus comprising:
- 2 means for storing a user-definable preferences list that identifies a plurality of
- 3 channels from a plurality of different sources; and
- 4 means, coupled to the storage device, for accessing the user-definable preferences
- 5 list and selecting one of the plurality of identified channels for provision to a user.
 - 17. The apparatus of claim 16, further comprising:

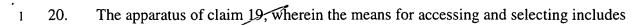
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2	means, coupled to the means for accessing and selecting, for controlling
3	components in an entertainment system, and
4	wherein the means for accessing and selecting is for sending the selected one of
5	the plurality of identified channels to the means for controlling, and wherein the means
6	for controlling is for tuning a corresponding component of the entertainment system to
7	provide, to the user, one or more of audio and video from a source corresponding to the
8	selected one of the plurality of identified channels.
7	18. The apparatus of claim 16, wherein the means for accessing and selecting
2	includes:
3	means for accessing, to determine a component corresponding to the selected on
4	of the plurality of identified channels, a programming guide database that is independen
5	of the user-definable preferences list; and
6	means for send a signal to the component to provide the selected channel.
1	19. The apparatus of claim 16, wherein the means for accessing and selecting
2	includes:
3	means for receiving a user request to provide a new channel; and

wherein the accessing and the selecting are performed in response to the user



- 2 means for repeating the accessing and selecting in response to subsequent user requests to
- 3 provide a new channel.

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